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**Current Memberships:** Dauphin County Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association

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**Edwin M. Kosik**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1925  
Education: Wilkes U 1949 BA; Dickinson 1951 LLB  
Began Service: July 15, 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1953-1958); Chairman, Pennsylvania State Workmen's Compensation Board, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1964-1969)

**Judicial:** Judge, Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas, 45th Judicial District (1969-1979); President Judge, Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas, 45th Judicial District (1979-1986)

**Legal Practice:** Needle, Needle & Needle (1958-1969)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1943-1975)

**Current Memberships:** Lackawanna Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association

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**James F. McClure, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931  
Education: Amherst 1952 AB; Pennsylvania 1957 JD  
Began Service: May 7, 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Government:** Attorney, United States Department of State (1957-1958)

**Judicial:** President Judge, Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas, 17th Judicial District (1984-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP (1958-1961); Counsel, Merck, Sharp & Dohme (1961-1963); Counsel, Merck, Sharp & Dohme International (1963-1965); McClure & McClure (1965-1977); McClure & Light (1978-1984)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1952-1954)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Union County Bar Association

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**Thomas M. Blewitt**  
Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Scranton 1972 BA;  
Marywood Col 1979 MPA; Temple 1983 JD  
Began Service: February 21, 1992  
Term Expires: February 2016

**Government:** Special Investigator, Pennsylvania Bureau of Consumer Protection, United States Department of Justice (1972-1980); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Lackawanna, Pennsylvania (1984-1986); Assistant Federal Public Defender, Middle District of Pennsylvania, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1986-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Law Office of Marshall E. Anders (1983-1984); Associate, Lenahan & Dempsey (1988-1989)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Lackawanna Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association

**Staff**

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**J. Andrew Smyser**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Lehigh 1969 BA; Georgetown 1972 JD  
Began Service: June 15, 1992  
Term Expires: June 2014

**Government:** Deputy Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1972-1979); Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Dauphin, Pennsylvania (1979-1980); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1980-1982)

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**Malachy E. Mannion**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Scranton 1976 BS; Pace 1979 JD  
Began Service: January 4, 2001  
Term Expires: January 3, 2009

**Academic:** Lecturer, United States Department of Justice Attorney General's Advocacy Institute; Lecturer, Pennsylvania Bar Institute; Lecturer, Federal Bar Association

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Nassau, New York (1980-1986); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1986-1993); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania, United States Department of Justice, William J. Clinton Administration (1997-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Hourigan, Kluger, Spohrer & Quinn, P.C. (1993-1997)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; Lackawanna Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 2

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**John J. Thomas**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Dickinson 1972 JD  
Began Service: January 10, 1992  
Term Expires: January 10, 2020

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, The Pennsylvania State University (1987-1992)

**Government:** Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania (1974-1985); First Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania (1984-1985)

**Current Memberships:** Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association

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**Mary D. France**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: March 3, 2003

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**Robert N. Opel**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: September 2006  
Term Expires: September 2020

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**Number of Judgeships:** 7

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